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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 04-20390 B

RICK L. WOOD and DOSEY NEWTON,

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT WOOD'S MOTION TO RESET SENTENCING HEARING

Before the Court is the April 21, 2005 motion of the Defendant, Rick Wood, to reset the sentencing hearing currently scheduled for May 5, 2005. Under the Local Rules of this district, "[a]ll non-substantive motions . . . shall be accompanied by a certificate of counsel . . . affirming that, after consultation between prosecution and defense counsel, they are unable to reach an accord as to the action requested by the motion." LCrR12.1(a), Local Rules of the U. S. Dist. Ct. for the W. Dist. of Tenn. (the "Rule"). The Rule further provides that "[f]ailure to file an accompanying certificate of consultation may be deemed good grounds for denying the motion." Id. Counsel's statement in his motion that "[i]t is believed AUSA Rae Oliver for the Government will not object" falls short of compliance with the Rule. Thus, the motion is DENIED without prejudice.

¹The Court notes that this is the third time a motion filed by Wood's counsel has been denied for violation of the Local Rules. Counsel is admonished that he is expected, as are all attorneys who practice before this Court, to familiarize himself with and follow the Local Rules of this district.

IT IS SO ORDERED this <u>21</u> day of April, 2005.

DANIEL BREEN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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